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MATCH PREVIEW

BINGHAM SINGS COSMOS PRAISES

Morwell Falcons Coach Harry Bingham does not relish the trip to Bruce today. When I spoke to him late last week he was full of praise for Cosmos performances to date. He admired the way Mike Lyons had rallied the side when many of the so-called experts had written them off and was particularly impressed with the deeds of Marko Perenovic.

Bingham's enthusiasm for the game and the prospects of the Ericsson Cup forces its way through a very deep Glaswegian accent. Those who find the accent difficult to fathom will unfortunately miss out on an innovative and refreshing approach to soccer at national league level, especially away from home. Harry has worked out the simple strategy that seems to elude many other top coaches - if you don't win away matches, you don't win premierships. You don't win matches if you don't score goals. You don't score goals if the ball is in your half.... THE ANSWER? ATTACK, ATTACK, ATTACK!!!

We can be assured of an exciting match. Both sides have exciting and pacy players. Morwell boast the likes of Ernie Tapai and experienced Socceroo Warren Spink who pose problems for the best of defences, especially on the break where Cosmos have proved vulnerable in the past in the latter stages of the game. Also look out for midfield dynamo, Sonny Sevin. Bingham's Russian ploy of playing a sweeper in front of the back line with the objective of turning defence into attack quickly will be interesting to see.

Among Morwell's other players, local fans may recognise Doug Marcina and Carlo Villani, both ex-Canberra Deakin players. Bingham championed Marcina as the "Quiet Achiever" of the LaTrobe Valley

side - a player with flair and a very promising future. A good performance from Marcina will only add to the view that here was an important one that got away from the National Capital.

Bingham's biggest worry is that his talented young side, after an excellent start to the season, have failed to find the consistency that is necessary to turn good sides into champions. Hopeful of finishing in the top two or three, Morwell have taken some useful scalps like UTS Olympic already this season. But one need look no further than their last two games to see the problem the *Johnny Walker Manager of the Month* is faced with - a spectacular 2-0 win at Sydney United followed by a 0-4 home drubbing by Adelaide City!

Morwell come to Bruce with Cosmos having silenced their critics with back to back wins including a sensational 3-1 away to Champions Melbourne Knights. Expect a fast, open game - one where the Falcons will be taking the game to the home side. Morwell's likely line-up is Kourtis, Marcina, Canosa, Miller, Tapai, Sevin, Waddell, Bothwell, Reda, Douglas and Spink. Harry Bingham's side will be anxious not to lose touch with the leaders in a desperately tight top half of the table. I fancy Cosmos, with a new found confidence in their own ability, to score another win, but Harry Bingham's side haven't lost twice in a row this season.

DAVID WRIGHT

COVER PHOTO

Jason Dunn as Wollongong's Robbie Middleby looks on

COSMOS LOOK TO WIN

6PM WEEKNIGHTS

Sport with Phil Small

WIN NEWS

FROM THE LYONS DEN

Tonight I would like to welcome the Morwell Falcons to Canberra and in particular two of my former players at Brunei, Brian (Mr Teenage Australia Body Building Champion) Bothwell and Marcus (Boy Wonder "the Dunhill hunk") Stergiopulos.

Morwell have a great attacking team and while I have confidence that our defence can contain them I am sure that our Canberra fans will get a glimpse of their brilliance tonight. I would also like to welcome their coach Harry Bingham whose predecessor, Bobby McLachlan is a close friend of mine and helped me immensely when I was in Brunei. Bobby is now the coach of the Brunei national team and we maintain close contact.

This week I would like to talk about one of the greatest soccer legends and influential people I have ever had the fortune to meet, Liverpool Football Club legend, Bill Shankly.

Most people associate success and the Liverpool Football Club as synonymous, but this was not always the case. Bill Shankly. "Shanks" was probably the greatest contributing factor in the emergence of Liverpool as a super club when he was signed as a manager from Huddersfield Town.

As a player he was a hard, uncompromising Scottish midfielder who played the game to win. I remember a story about "Shanks" that epitomised his attitude and approach as a player.

He was playing for Preston against Arsenal when he fell victim to a hard tackle and was carried from the field on a stretcher. As he was leaving the field Shanks told the Arsenal winger that he would get him back some day. The opportunity came for Shanks two years later when he again met the Arsenal winger. Midway through the half the winger was running down the field when Shanks tackled the player and put his studs into his chest. As the player was leaving the field on the stretcher he said "That was a terrible tackle Shanks". Shanks replied "Aye, I know it was. I was aiming for your head".

Shanks lived for football and even to people who are not familiar with him or the game, they may be familiar with a quote that reflect his passion for the game.

"Some people believe football is a matter of life and death. I am very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that."

Shanks had a story for every occasion and I remember him telling me of the signing of big Scottish defender Ron Yeats. Yeats asked Shankly where Liverpool was placed - to which Shankly replied, top of the Premier League. Yeats said "No you're not" and Shankly said

"Aye, but with you son we soon will be". Rumour has it that Shankly wasn't far wrong. When the strapping Yeats first arrived in Liverpool, Shankly personally invited the local press to "come and walk round his new man mountain".

Unfortunately Shankly has since passed on, but he has left football with some quotes that give you an insight into the type of man he was and what he stood for. A few of them are listed below.

Shankly after a hard fought 1-1 draw: **"The best side drew."**

"If you are first, you are first. If you are second you are nothing."

"If a player is not interfering with play or seeking to gain an advantage, then he should be."

"Of course I didn't take my wife to see Rochdale as an anniversary present. It was her birthday. Would I have got married in the football season? Anyway, it was Rochdale reserves."

Bill Shankly to Alan Ball, who'd just signed for Everton: **"Don't worry, Alan. At least you will be able to play close to a great team."**

Bill Shankly about the "This is Anfield" plaque at Liverpool's home ground: **"It's there to remind our lads who they're playing for, and to remind the opposition who they're playing against."**

A scout told Shanks about a young player who he'd given a trial at Liverpool: "He has football in his blood". The disappointed scout complained. **"You may be right"** Shanks said, **"but it hasn't reached his legs yet."**

Have a great evening.

Mike Lyons
Head Coach



Ericsson Cup Draw

CANBERRA COSMOS - DRAW

Rd	Date	Match	Time	Score	Attendance
1	8/10/95	v Adelaide City	7:30pm	0-2	4,680
2	14/10/95	v Sydney United	7:00pm	0-0	5,490
4	22/10/95	v Sth Melbourne	7:00pm	2-2	2,725
5	28/10/95	v UTS Olympic	7:00pm	2-3	3,920
3	1/11/95	v Wollongong City	7:30pm	2-2	2,240
6	4/11/95	v Marconi Fairfield	7:00pm	0-1	3,617
7	11/11/95	v West Adelaide	7:00pm	1-1	3,210
8	18/11/95	v Brisbane Strikers	7:00pm	1-3	4,809
9	25/11/95	v Newcastle Breakers	7:00pm	3-2	2,240
10	3/12/95	v Melbourne Knights	7:00pm	3-1	4,532
12	9/12/95	v Adelaide City	7:00pm	0-0	4,120
11	13/12/95	v Morwell Falcons	7:30pm		
13	16/12/95	v Sydney United	7:00pm		
14	22/12/95	v Wollongong City	7:45pm		
15	26/12/95	v Sth Melbourne	7:00pm		
16	30/12/95	v UTS Olympic	7:00pm		
17	6/1/96	v Marconi Fairfield	7:00pm		

Mid Season Break - January (Johnnie Walker Cup, Preliminary Rounds)

18	4/2/96	v West Adelaide	7:30pm
19	10/2/96	v Brisbane Strikers	7:00pm
20	16/2/96	v Newcastle Breakers	7:45pm
21	24/2/96	v Melbourne Knights	7:00pm
22	2/3/96	v Morwell Falcons	7:00pm
23	10/3/96	v Adelaide City	7:30pm
24	13/3/96	v Sydney United	7:30pm
25	16/3/96	v Wollongong City	7:00pm
26	24/3/96	v Sth Melbourne	7:00pm
27	27/3/96	v UTS Olympic	7:30pm
28	30/3/96	v Marconi Fairfield	7:00pm
29	6/4/96	v West Adelaide	7:00pm
30	8/4/96	v Brisbane Strikers	7:00pm
31	13/4/96	v Newcastle Breakers	7:00pm
32	21/4/96	v Melbourne Knights	7:00pm
33	28/4/96	v Morwell Falcons	7:00pm

NSL Top 6 Series commences on 4th/5th May 1996
Grand Final 9th June 1996

COSMOS LEADING SCORERS

Paul Wade	5	(including hat trick against Newcastle)
Lachlan Armstrong	2	
Michael Musitano	2	
Marko Perinovic	2	
Paul Dee	1	
Jason Dunn	1	
Norman Kelly	1	

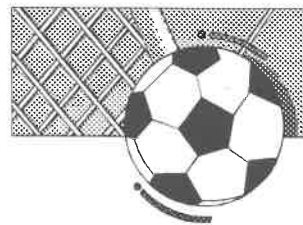
ACT ACADEMY LEADING SCORERS

Scott Conlon	4
Anthony Barac	3
Tony Lemezina	3
Pat Phommaseisy	3
Lindsay Wilson	3
Daniel Bennett	2
Michael Barac	1
John Glass	1
Steve Richards	1

CANBERRA COSMOS STAR PROFILE



NAME: Paul Dee
POSITION: Fullback
AGE: 21
HEIGHT: 190cm
WEIGHT: 72kg
LIKES: A punt
DISLIKES: None
FAVOURITE FOOD: Italian and seafood
BEST MOMENT: Shooting 3 over at the Lakes Golf Course
WORST MOMENT: Losing any game
CAREER INFLUENCE: Father
PLAYING EXPERIENCE: National Rep U/17
 National Rep U/20
 NSL - Marconi Fairfield



MORWELL FALCONS - A PROFILE

Statistician, Andrew Howe takes a look at the Falcons.

The Morwell Falcons Soccer Club is a classic example of how sheer hard work and determination can lead a community to national recognition, no matter what their size. Like Parma of Italy, Blackburn of England and La Coruna of Spain, Morwell - representing the Gippsland Area of Victoria - have shown that strength in the national sporting arena does not necessarily derive from a voluminous and rich population base.

In 1961 the IASCO club was developed with the intention of representing the local Italian sporting fraternity in the La Trobe Soccer League. In an attempt to gain a more cosmopolitan feel to the club, and in recognition of their then major sponsor (Ford - the manufacturers of the Falcon motor car), IASCO changed their name in 1964 to Morwell Falcons. After thirteen years of existence the club bid farewell to the local competition and headed for the comparatively dizzy heights of the Victorian Provisional League. In 1977 the local council recognised what the Falcons had to offer to the people of the region by offering the club an allotment of land - North Crinigan Reserve. They moved there in 1981 and opened their impressive social club the year after.

Morwell reached the pinnacle of Victorian state league soccer in 1984 when they were Victorian champions. The club however, then rejected an invitation to join the national league. With most national league clubs of this era averaging less than 2000 spectators per game, and indeed several games being watched by a mere one or two hundred people, the Falcons considered the national league was not worthy enough to risk the expense involved in national representation. All too often have soccer clubs entered the national league in Australia underprepared, only

to soon fall from national league grace in financial tatters. The Falcons never rejected the idea of eventually playing in the national competition, but at this time they intelligently decided to press on with off-field commitments, concentrating on improving their home ground and social club.

In the late 1980's the Falcons decided that they were now ready to enter the national fray. All that was needed was an opportunity to join. In securing their second state league title in 1989, Morwell were pitted against South Australian state league winners West Adelaide. The winner of this two-legged duel gained promotion to the national league's first summer season. Morwell lost out 5-2 on aggregate.

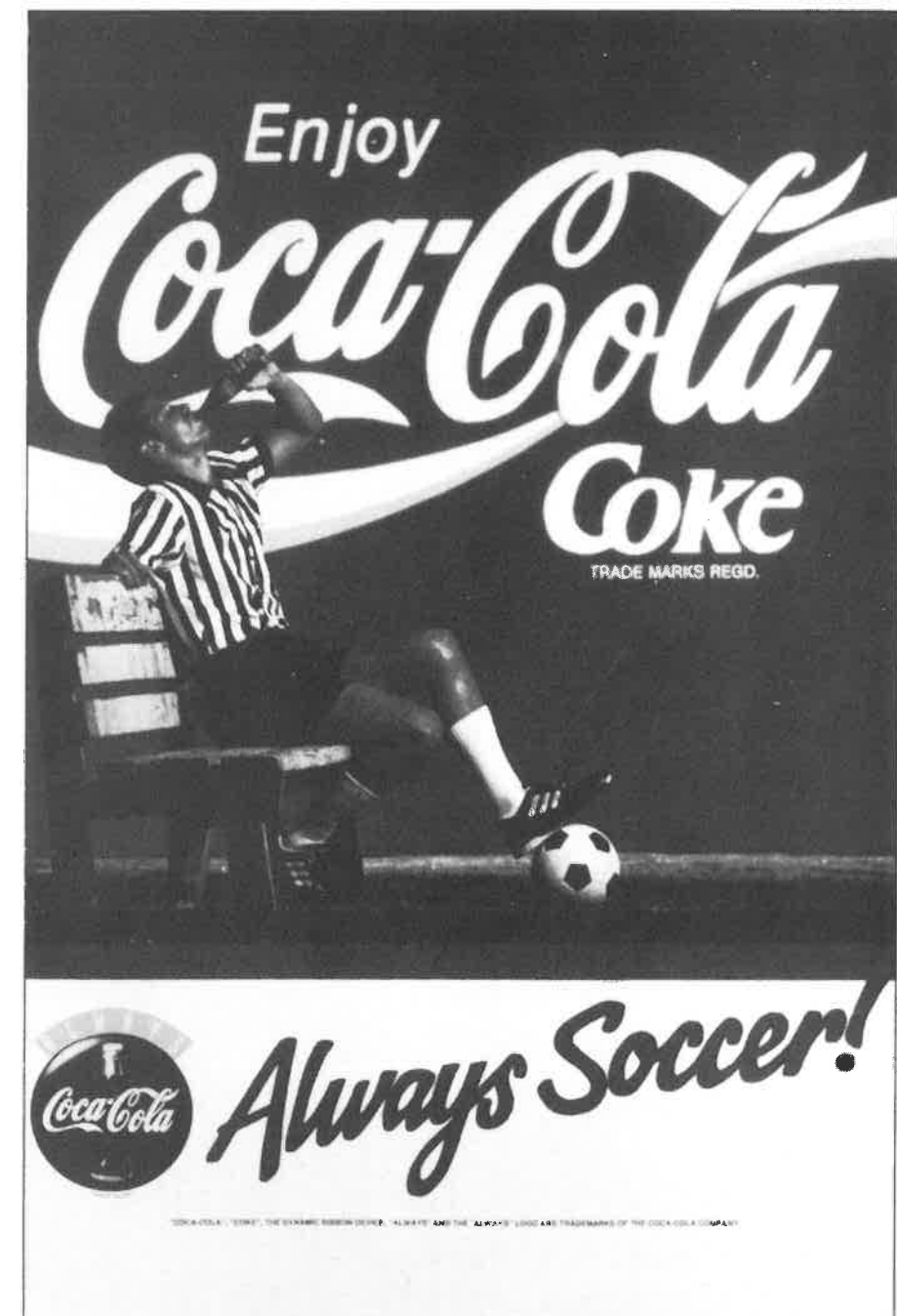
Morwell's next opportunity arose after Melbourne club Preston was deemed not worthy of continuance in the national competition in 1992. The then recently tabled Bradley report had stressed that financial viability and off-field strength be a more relevant factor in determining whether a club deserved national league status. Morwell were accordingly thrust into the national league spotlight for the 1992/93 season. Their first game was a 2-0 victory against previous year's runners-up UTS Olympic. After missing out on the 1993/94 finals series courtesy of a bizarre final minute refereeing decision, the Falcons contested the 1994/95 finals.

The high profile that Morwell Falcons has attained throughout the past twenty-five years would not have occurred without the influence of successful construction industry business person Don Di Fabrizio. In 1969 Di Fabrizio assumed presidency of the club. In this first year as president his club had finished third in the local country league. By the end of his presidential term (1994) Di Fabrizio had transformed the modest local sporting club into a true national league power. Currently playing some wonderfully attractive and successful football, the power is set to continue throughout Ericsson Cup season 1995-96.

Andrew Howe

MORWELL FALCONS - A SUMMARY OF NATIONAL LEAGUE PERFORMANCE

SEASON	FINAL POSITION	KNOCKOUT PLACING	AVERAGE HOME CROWD
1992-93	12th (14 teams)	= 9th (14 teams)	2900
1993-94	7th (14 teams)	= 5th (14 teams)	3000
1994-95	4th (13 teams)	= 9th (14 teams)	2800



TODAY'S
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Ericsson Cup Teams

Canberra Cosmos

25. Steve Mautone
2. Paul Dee
3. Joe Gagetti
4. Richard Watson
5. Jason Dunn
6. Paul Wade
7. Michael Garcia
8. Norman Kelly
9. Lachlan Armstrong
10. Marko Perinovic
11. Toplica Popovich
12. Arsenije Popovich
13. Paul Gagetti
14. James Baxter
20. Ben Harris
21. John Koch
22. Michael Musitano
23. Stan Dukic
24. Tony Lemezina

PLAYING STRIP

SHIRT	Dark Blue
Trim	Orange/White
SHORTS	Dark Blue
Trim	Orange/White
SOCKS	White

Morwell Falcons

1. Jim Kourtis
2. Doug Marcina
3. Claudio Canosa
5. Scott Miller
6. Ernie Tapai
7. Sonny Sevin
8. John Waddell
9. Brian Bothwell
12. Marcus Stergiopoulos
13. Carlo Villani
14. Michael Reda
15. Warren Spink
19. Justin Geri
20. Jason Dastey
22. Robert Guarascio

PLAYING STRIP

SHIRT	Black/White Stripes
SHORTS	White
Trim	Black
SOCKS	Black/White

Les Scheinflug Cup Teams

ACT Academy of Sport

Blair Machin
 Jason Markezic
 Manuel Sermenio
 Oscar Zamora
 Lindsay Wilson
 Steve Richards
 Michael Barac
 Scott Conlon (O/Age)
 Daniel Bennett
 Anthony Barac
 Pathana Phommaseisy
 David Arranz
 John Glass
 Luke Larfield
 Adam Powell
 Antony Kelava
 Vasko Stojceski
 Silvio Miceli
 Matthew Valeri
 Dennis Langone
 Craig Rankine
 Shane Lyons

PLAYING STRIP

SHIRT:	White
Trim:	Blue/Jade/Yellow
SHORTS:	White
Trim:	Blue/Jade/Yellow

Coach:	Chris Tanzey
Assistant:	Rod Lynes
Manager:	Chris Conti

Blacktown City

David Morgans
 John Przkoac
 Glenn Geppert
 Fernando Drakos
 Mile Deka
 Brendan Saleman
 Luke O'Connell
 Norman Tring
 Clinton Green
 Jay Anderson
 Nathan Hall
 Phil Warburton
 Carson Cooper
 Adam Peatey
 Tony Faria
 Ivan Necevski (GK)

PLAYING STRIP

SHIRT	Red
Trim	White/Black
SHORTS	Black
SOCKS	Black

ACT ACADEMY OF SPORT

The Academy have won the last two games in very convincing fashion. Last Saturday, they disposed of NSW ITC 4-0. Academy began as though they meant business and were three up at half time - this against a defence well-marshalled by ex Soccerroo Steve (Rocky) O'Conner. In the 6th minute Richard Watson headed on a long throw by Craig Rankine and Oscar Zamora made a diving header for his first goal of the season. Twenty minutes later, Watson combined with Lindsay Wilson on the right and following a long centre, Daniel Bennett headed down for Anthony Barac to volley in the second. In the 39th minute Barac won the ball in mid-field and put Bennett on the road to goal. He drew the NSW keeper before slotting the ball home. Academy relaxed after half-time, but in the 70th minute a speculative centre from Wilson found out the keeper to make the score 4-0. Chris Tanzey used the game to give debuts to Silvio Miceli and Matthew Valeri, the son of Canberra City's former goal-scoring ace, Walter Valeri.

On the 2nd December, the Academy had its most significant victory of the year when it downed the big-scoring AID, a feat it has been unable to do for a few years. Even more significant was that the AID had all its stars on display, until two of their players were sent off in the second half. In fact, the AID took the lead in the 20th minute after a beautiful move was finished clinically by George Vallas. After half-time Tony Lemezina scored a goal only Tony can score - he teased opposition players and supporters alike by dummieing three times before putting the ball in the back of the net. Almost immediately, the AIS hit back with another well taken goal. However, in the final ten minutes Academy took advantage of their numerical superiority and goals from Pat Phommaseisy and John Glass gave the Academy a memorable victory.

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From The Grandstand

In this issue, Chris Kunz continues his look at A League related coverage and information, begun in Issue 3.

So you have tuned into 3TR (AM 12.42) and listened to live coverage of Morwell Falcons matches (a big welcome to commentators Justin 'The Admiral' Nelson and Ray McCluskey - yes we do pick you up here), as well as put in a subscription to that excellent national fan magazine 'Studs Up' (which is now monthly), but you still want more.....but wait - there is more:

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The Internet

Surfing the net can be an addictive experience. There is plenty of information including the OzSoccer site. Run by Brisbane's Greg Baxter, Sydney's Thomas Esamie and our own 'Cosmic Explosion' Statistical Wizard Andrew Howe, OzSoccer provides you with the very latest news, tables, pictures and historical data.

There is also the OzSoccer Ericsson A League Tipping Competition which Howe coordinates. There are currently

61 tipsters from around the country and overseas, with Andrew's wife Vaniece (embarrassingly) in the leading bunch of the 2 point for an exact score, one point for the right way, competition. At the moment I'm 21st, but there is a long way to go!

The most interesting but least successful contestant is the third member of the Howe household - the two year old 'psychic soccer' cat Bally. She tips results each week by knocking a pair of home and away die off the edge of her cardboard box. She backed the Cosmos to win five of their first six games - at least her heart is in the right place! Her tips always appear publicly early in the week - probably to tell all, who not to tip. I shouldn't be too derogatory, as she finished 2nd in Round 7 with 5 points - 2 more than me! The **World Wide Web** holds a host of the very latest results and commentary. Here you can tap into the latest comments on the Aussies abroad, such as this interesting account of Leicester's first game in the English Div 1, when Australia's Steve Corica scoring the very first goal of the English season. The author, a Leicester fan: "Steve Corica was making us buzz though this lad was playing on the left side of midfield and TAKING PLAYERS ON BEATING THEM AND SHOOTING. I know - scary eh?...only one game I know but for God's sake have we signed someone who can play football!"

There is also **Electronic Mail**, that allows you to send and receive information; **Newsgroups**, which you can link to and post and receive information on a topic; **Chatting**, where you can scan the screen for an interesting topic, or even conduct a typed conversation with someone or a group on the other side of the world, on a football match they are watching on television - response is almost instantaneous!

OzSoccer currently has between 600 and 1,000 visitors a week - and growing. If you are connected to the Internet, you can find OzSoccer via:-
http://www.colossus.net/dark_shadow/ozsoccer

[For comprehensive coverage on soccer and the Internet, see Andrew Howe's article in the December edition of Soccer Australia.]

Chris Kunz

What's Ahead

Round 13

15/12 Newcastle v Marconi
16/12 Morwell Falcons v Sth Melb
16/12 Brisbane v West Adelaide
16/12 Syd United v Cosmos
17/12 Adelaide City v Wollongong
17/12 Melb Knights v UTS Olympic

Round 14

22/12 Wollongong v Cosmos
23/12 Sth Melb v Adelaide City
23/12 West Adel v Newcastle
23/12 Marconi v Melb Knights
23/12 UTS Olympic v Morwell
23/12 Brisbane v Syd United

Round 15

26/12 Newcastle v Brisbane
26/12 Cosmos v Sth Melb
26/12 Morwell v Marconi
26/12 Syd United v Wollongong
26/12 Adelaide City v UTS Olympic
26/12 Melb Knights v West Adel

Round 16

29/12 Newcastle v Syd United
30/12 Marconi v Adelaide City
30/12 Brisbane v Melb Knights
30/12 UTS Olympic v Cosmos
30/12 Sth Melb v Wollongong
30/12 West Adel v Morwell



REFEREES FOR TONIGHT'S GAMES

COSMOS

Referee: B Hugo
Linesmen: G Dunster
C Blain
4th Official: C McKillop
Inspector: P Murphy

ACADEMY

Referee: B Wilson
Linesmen: D Hall
B Hartig
Inspector: G Dobbin

Competition Tables

Ericsson Cup Table as at 10th December 1995

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
UTS Olympic	12	7	3	2	24	15	24
Marconi Fairfield	12	6	3	3	17	13	21
Sydney United	12	5	5	2	13	9	20
Morwell Falcons	11	6	1	4	16	13	19
Adelaide City	12	5	3	4	23	12	18
Brisbane Strikers	12	6	0	6	17	18	18
Melbourne Knights	11	5	2	4	12	11	17
West Adelaide	12	4	4	4	16	15	16
South Melbourne	12	4	1	7	14	21	13
Canberra Cosmos	11	2	5	4	14	17	11
Wollongong City	11	3	1	7	11	18	10
Newcastle Breakers	12	2	2	8	12	27	8

Match Results Round 12 (8/9/10 December)

Wollongong City	0	v	1	Morwell Falcons
Canberra Cosmos	0	v	0	Adelaide City
Marconi Fairfield	1	v	2	Brisbane Strikers
UTS Olympic	4	v	0	Newcastle Breakers
West Adelaide	0	v	1	Sydney United
South Melbourne	1	v	0	Melbourne Knights

Les Scheinflug Youth Cup

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Marconi Fairfield	10	9	0	1	41	9	27
Sydney United	11	7	0	4	23	15	21
A.I.S.	9	6	1	2	32	14	19
Qld Academy of Sport	11	6	1	4	33	17	19
Wollongong City	10	6	0	4	20	22	18
UTS Olympic	10	5	2	3	27	17	17
ACT Academy Sport	11	5	2	4	25	25	17
Parramatta Eagles	9	3	3	3	17	17	12
Blacktown City	11	3	3	5	17	25	12
Newcastle Breakers	10	3	1	6	15	23	10
St George	10	1	1	8	9	37	4
NSW ITC	10	0	0	10	5	43	0

Match Results Round 12 (8/9/10 December 1995)

Wollongong City	2	v	1	NSW ITC
ACT Academy	4	v	0	ACT Academy
Parramatta Eagles	P	v	P	Wollongong City
Marconi Fairfield	3	v	2	Parramatta Eagles
St George	0	v	4	Blacktown City
UTS Olympic	P	v	P	Sydney United

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versus

**South
Melbourne**

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The View from the Hill

An Irregular, Irreverent Look at Cosmic Crowd Karma
Cosmos vs. Adelaide City - 9 December 1995

Milan. The word is enough to send shivers of admiration down any Australian soccer supporter's spine. Not AC nor Inter but Ivanovic. How is it that he always seems to have so long on the ball? If Cosmos were to have any chance in this match they must negotiate the quicksand that is the Adelaide City defensive line. Now much has been said about how many neck related injuries there would be in the crowd if Cosmos played Wimbledon. Lately, however, the likes of Musitano have made such accusations appear overblown.

Against an in-form City however, the Cosmos chose understandably to opt often for Route 1 to goal. Now while the View from the Hill is often obscured by small children begging for the return of gyro-copters from scowling security guards, nothing could obscure the fact that, apart from one Marko effort, View can't remember a Cosmos player winning a header in the City box. A telling indication of the relative impotence of the Cosmos attack against this most assured of defences.

The second half changed little, except to remind View what a pleasure it is to be under lights at Bruce in the summertime. Whilst attacks were infrequent, the ball movement from the Cosmos was almost City-esque. Quick, to feet and not afraid to move the play square - spread things out. In truth, from its earliest stages, this game looked like it might remain a 0-0 draw. It did and it was fair.

It's official. The Cosmos have some 'Ultra' style hard core fans. Now before you run clublocks in hand to your cars, let me explain. There are about a dozen no more of these unashamed clowns gathered most match days at the base of the Hill. They have a large drum or two, presumably smuggled past security guards underneath the Leader's kaftan (I'm not kidding). Further crucial props in their seemingly catatonic soccer worshipry include a fuzzy wig which is passed like a Lord of the Flies conch from member to member. On special occasions, members will be allowed to don DEVO-style orange flower pots and wave the jolly roger flag. Somebody in an San Frecce top will suddenly chant 'Juninho Juninho' or 'Streets Ice Cream Streets Ice Cream' for no particular reason. What's it all about? One thing is clear. They are having a good time and the soccer match before them appears only to be a smallish part of the reason.

View's contribution to the ethnic debate simmering in Australian soccer - will nobody put a stop to Scottish pipe bands?

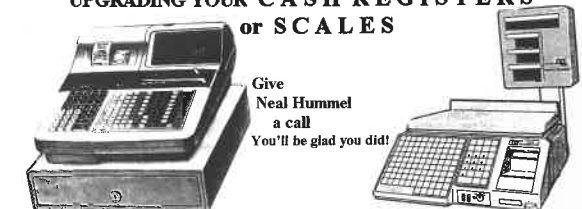
To finish, a message to the private sector - **WAKE UP!** Is View alone in thinking it crazy that a major sponsor for the Cosmos cannot be found when it has a great venue, a solid and growing support base already at about 4000, and is the only regular sporting team in operation in the national capital in the summer? Perhaps we could get the Army involved and call the team Dinamo Cosmos? State Rail - Lokomotiv Cosmos? Suggestions please.



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